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TITLE: Thermocycler sandwiching microtitration plate between descending top cover and hotplate having accommodating recesses, includes ejection springs

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BASIC-ABSTRACT: NOVELTY - Compression spring lifters (7) distributed over the heater surface (3), project just above edges of the recesses (4), when the cover (not shown) is raised.

USE - A thermocycler subjecting the contents of a microtitration plate to thermal cycling, to promote specific chemical reactions. Favorable experience is reported in connection with (polymerase chain reactions) PCR, which require repeated temperature cycling.

ADVANTAGE - The pegs prevent the microtitration plate from baking onto the hotplate, making it particularly difficult to remove. Repeated Teflon (RTM; polytetrafluoroethylene) spraying is no longer needed. The springs lift the microtitration plate, on raising the cover. This presents it for easy handling, whether by manual or automatic means. Suitable, commercially-available equipment is nominated. Existing equipment is readily modified.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The cross section show a side view of the raised microtitration plate, without the cover, all in vertical cross section.

heater surface 3

recesses 4

compression spring lifters 7

contact peg 9

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.4b/4

TITLE-TERMS:

SANDWICH PLATE DESCEND TOP COVER HOTPLATE ACCOMMODATE RECESS EJECT SPRING

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